

## Calendar No. 615

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**H. R. 2595**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2001

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

FEBRUARY 4, 2002

Committee discharged; referred to the Committee on Environment and Public  
Works

SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

Reported by Mr. JEFFORDS, without amendment

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**AN ACT**To direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel  
of land to Chatham County, Georgia.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. LAND CONVEYANCE TO CHATHAM COUNTY,**  
4               **GEORGIA.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall  
6       convey, by quitclaim deed and without consideration, to  
7       the Commissioners of Chatham County, Georgia, all right,  
8       title, and interest of the United States in and to the ap-

1 proximately 12-acre parcel of land located on Hutchinson  
2 Island, Georgia, adjacent to the Savannah Harbor Tide  
3 Gate structure.

4 (b) SURVEY TO OBTAIN LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The  
5 exact acreage and the legal description of the parcel to  
6 be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by  
7 a survey that is satisfactory to the Secretary.

8 (c) USE OF LAND.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The parcel conveyed under  
10 this section shall remain in public ownership and  
11 shall be managed in perpetuity for public rec-  
12 reational purposes or, in the alternative, the parcel  
13 may be exchanged for another parcel of equal ap-  
14 praised value that shall remain in public ownership  
15 and shall be managed in perpetuity for public rec-  
16 reational purposes.

17 (2) REVERSION.—If the Secretary determines  
18 that the parcel conveyed under this section is being  
19 used for purposes other than public recreational pur-  
20 poses, title to the parcel shall revert to the United  
21 States or, in the case of an exchange of parcels  
22 under paragraph (1), if the Secretary determines  
23 that the parcel received in the exchange is being  
24 used for purposes other than public recreational pur-

1 poses title to that parcel shall revert to the United  
2 States.

3 **SEC. 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

4 (a) **APPLICABILITY OF PROPERTY SCREENING PRO-**  
5 **VISIONS.**—Section 2696 of title 10, United States Code,  
6 shall not apply to the conveyance under this section.

7 (b) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The  
8 Secretary may require that the conveyance under this sec-  
9 tion be subject to such additional terms and conditions  
10 as the Secretary considers appropriate and necessary to  
11 protect the interests of the United States.

12 (c) **COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.**—The County shall be  
13 responsible for all reasonable and necessary costs, includ-  
14 ing real estate transaction and environmental compliance  
15 costs, associated with the conveyance.

16 (d) **LIABILITY.**—The County shall hold the United  
17 States harmless from any liability with respect to activities  
18 carried out, on or after the date of the conveyance, on  
19 the real property conveyed. The United States shall re-  
20 main responsible for any liability with respect to activities  
21 carried out, before such date, on the real property con-  
22 veyed.

23 (e) **EASEMENTS.**—The County shall provide to the  
24 Secretary all required rights of entry or easements nec-  
25 essary for utilities and for access to the Savannah Harbor

- 1 Tide Gate structure and the dock located adjacent to the
- 2 structure.

Passed the House of Representatives December 11,  
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*

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